Besides, assistance is also available to eligible agro and rural industries under the following schemes for small scale - industries:

(i) Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) for technology upgradation and modernisation of production techniques;

(ii) Provision of various kinds of assistance under the Small Industry Cluster Development Programme (SICDP) for holistic development of SSI clusters; and

(iii) Incentives (subsidy) scheme for acquiring ISO Certification for technological upgradation and quality improvement.

Role of Rehabilitation Council of India

*128. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the role of Rehabilitation Cduncil of India (RCI);

(b) the management structure of the RCI;

(c) the objectives of the RCI;

(d) the budget of the RCI in the last fiscal year;

(e) whether RCI has to be modified to make it more relevant for the needs of the country; and

(f) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) The role of the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) is to regulate and monitor the training of rehabilitation professionals and personnel, promote research in rehabilitation and maintain Central Rehabilitation Register.

(b) According to the RCI Act 1992, the Central Government has constituted the Council consisting of a Chairperson and twenty eight members including the Member Secretary. The Council operates through the Executive Committee and other Committees formed from its members to achieve the purpose of the Act. The Council and the Executive Committee are headed by the Chairperson.

(c) The objectives of the Rehabilitation Council of India are as follows:—

- to regulate the training programmes in the field of rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.
- to prescribe minimum standards of education and training for various categories of professionals/personnel dealing with the persons with disabilities.
- to regulate these standards in all the training institutions to maintain uniformity throughout the country.
- to recognize degree/diploma/certificate courses in the field of rehabilitation of disabled run by the institutions/universities and to withdraw recognition wherever facilities are not satisfactory.
- to recognize degree/diploma/certificate awarded by foreign universities/institutions on reciprocal basis.
- to encourage Continuing Rehabilitation Education by way of collaboration with organisation working in the field of disability.
- to promote research in Rehabilitation and Special Education.
- to maintain Central Rehabilitation Register for registration of Rehabilitation professionals/personnel.

(d) The budget of the RCI during the last fiscal year was Rs.300 lakhs under Plan and Rs.85.00 lakhs under Non-plan.

(e) and (f) There is no proposal to amend the Act so as to modify its role.

National action plan for women

†*130. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to introduce a National action plan for the upliftment of the women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time frame for the implementation of the Plan?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.